

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the specification and claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 4 to 8, 16 to 19, 21 to 24 and 27 to 33, all other claims having been cancelled.

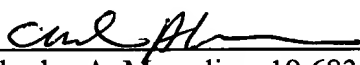
The Examiner indicated that the claims presented in the last response were not properly marked and it is believed that the present claims are properly marked. In addition, Applicants are submitting herewith the statement concerning the sequence listing and the diskette to obviate the Examiner's rejection thereto. In addition, the specification has been amended to present a brief description of all the drawings.

Claims 4 and 16 to 31 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner objected to the definition of the Markush language of claim 4 and claim 21 was deemed indefinite because of two different definitions of n and claim 25 was objected to as reciting process steps by which a compound is to be obtained but some of the substituents were not pertinent to any of the reactants. Claim 26 was objected to as well. In addition, the Examiner objected to claims 16 to 19, 23 and 25 to 30. The Examiner objected to the expression "chain" and the use of "compositions" rather than "composition" and the use of the term "the latter" and "blocking".

Applicants respectfully traverse these grounds of rejection since it is deemed that the claims as amended are definite in accordance with 35 USC 112 and the Examiner's objections have also been obviated by the present amendment. The definition of "n" is consistent and the terms objected to by the Examiner have been changed and the term "chain" has been deleted and the singular has been used for the "compositions" and it is believed that the amended claims properly comply with 35 USC 112 and withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is requested.

In view of the amendments to the specification and claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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